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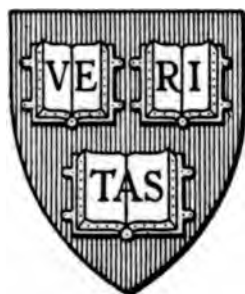
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Translated from the OLD HIGH GERMAN
into ENGLISH ALLITERATIVE VERSE

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To

The star of my life and the strength of its striving,
The ward of the weal that upwells in my breast,
The chalice of love with its lavish outpouring,
The home of my heart and its haven of rest.

*Mínes líbes sterno, du dár mir sterkí farlákis;
warta dera winna, díu mir wonét innan brusti;
dera minna kelið, du míl millið mih labðs:
sö hvær dína huldí hērisöt, íst mín herða heime.*

THE HILDEBRANDSLIED

The *Hildebrandslied*, or the Lay of Hildebrand, has been discussed, analyzed, and annotated by so many that even the mention of their names would require several pages. Suffice it to say that in all these discussions the poem has been treated from every viewpoint. But my object here is simply to give through an English translation some idea of the meter and contents of this heroic song.

The poem tells us of a combat between father and son. This is a widespread motif found in many other languages. In the older form the outcome is tragic, the father killing the son. Some would therefore see in this an Indo-European myth of winter and summer or night and day. Others claim that from an oriental source the legend traveled from people to people. A third group, with more reason, believe that a saga based on an occurrence that is common to all lands might well have had an independent origin in these various lands. For in the days when war was a pastime as well as an everyday business, and when exile was so common as to give us such words as German *Elend* (OHG. *elilenti* 'anderes Land, Verbannung') and English *wretch* (OE. *wrecca* 'exile; wretch'), combats between father and son might easily arise under any sky or at any time, and might be sung by bards who knew nothing of each other's lays.

The combatants in our poem are connected with historical characters. But history and tradition are

much at variance. According to the former, Theodoric the Great (Dietrich), King of the East Goths, had in childhood been a hostage at Constantinople. In the year 488 A.D. he started on an invasion of Italy, and the next year defeated Odoacer (Ottokar) at Verona.

But the tradition on which the *Hildebrandslied* is based tells us that Dietrich was driven by Ottokar from his native land. With him, to the King of the Huns, goes the young Hildebrand, leaving his wife and little son at home. Many years later Dietrich returns with a conquering host, in which is Hildebrand, now an old man. In the opposing host is Hadubrand, a doughty warrior. Without knowing each other these two, as champions of their respective armies, meet for a trial of arms. But first the elder man asks the younger the name of his father, and learns that his opponent is his own son. The father then reveals his identity. But the son, fearing treachery and because he had heard that his father was dead, refuses to believe that his antagonist is Hildebrand. The father urges and implores, but the son takes this for the signs of cowardice. No warrior of the olden time could then refuse combat. The fight begins, and is at its fiercest when the poem breaks off. But there can be no doubt that it results in the death of the son.

The form in which the poem comes down to us dates from about 800 A.D. But we know that it was copied from an earlier MS and that this earlier MS was written down from memory or dictation. How old the original was we cannot tell, but probably before 750.

The meter is that of the Germanic alliterative poetry. In this each line is divided into two half-lines, each

half-line containing two stressed syllables with an occasional secondary stress in some types. Only stressed syllables are counted as alliterating. So that in any one line not more than four alliterating words would occur, usually not more than three, and often only two. Any vowel may alliterate with any other vowel. As a rule it is the first consonant that alliterates, not the initial combination of consonants. But *sk-* (*sc-*) rimes only with *sk-*, *sp-* with *sp-*, and *st-* with *st-*, never with each other or with any other combination.

Any half-line has a choice of five different types. In the scheme given below the stressed syllable (arsis) is indicated by an acute accent, the secondary stress by the grave, and the unstressed syllable or syllables (thesis) by X. The types are as follows:

- A : ˘ X | ˘ X or ˘ ˘ | ˘ X, as in 5¹
 B : X ˘ | X ˘, as in 6¹
 C : X ˘ | ˘ X, as in 41²
 D : ˘ | ˘ ˘ X or ˘ | ˘ X ˘, as in 44¹
 E : ˘ ˘ | ˘, as in 14²

These types may be varied, (1) by resolving the stress, that is, allowing two short syllables in place of a long one; (2) by increasing the number of syllables in a beginning or middle thesis up to a possible ten; (3) by anacrusis in A, D, and E; (4) by allowing two syllables in the final thesis of A and C; (5) by admitting a thesis after the first arsis in D and E. Besides these are found swell-verses with three arses in each half-line, as in lines 17, 18, 39, 40. They regularly occur in groups and indicate excitement.



The following translation¹ aims to give the spirit as well as the meter of the *Hildebrandslied*. Though not a literal translation, it nevertheless closely follows the thought of the OHG. poem. I have perhaps failed to preserve the ruggedness of the original because I feared to allow myself its metrical license. The modern ear, with its different sense of rhythm, might have been offended by a too close imitation.

Inasmuch as the poem at the time it was written down was archaic in form, I have made use of some archaic words and phrases in the translation. In the arrangement of the lines I have followed Elis Wadstein, *Beiträge zur Erklärung des Hildebrandsliedes*, Göteborg, 1903. It seems to me this gives by far the best sense. Lines or half-lines supplied are put in brackets. Thus lines 67²-74 are added to complete the poem—it is hoped in the spirit of the original.

I heard this tale [of hap and harm],
 That two warriors wielded their weapons amain,
 Hildebrand and Hadubrand, between two hosts.
 The father and son fastened their armor,
 5 Buckled their harness, belted their swords on
 Over coat of mail as to combat they rode.
 Hildebrand spake then, the hoary-hair'd warrior,
 More wise in life's wisdom: he warily asked,
 And few were his words, who his father was

¹ This was made in the year 1908 substantially as it appears here, and was read at a public lecture at the University of Chicago the summer of the same year. Later appeared Professor Gummere's translation of Hl. in his book: *The Oldest English Epic, Translated in the Original Metres*, New York (Macmillan), 1909, pp. 170-77. Because of this I delayed to publish my translation, but see no cause for putting it off longer. My translation certainly does not infringe upon his copyright.



- 10 In the folk of the foemen. "[Thy friends would I
 know,
 And kindly tell me] what kin thou dost claim.
 If thou namest but one, I shall know then the others:
 The kin of this kingdom are couth to me all."
 Hadubrand answer'd, Hildebrand's son:
- 15 "This lore I learned from long ago,
 From the wise and old who were of yore,
 That Hildebrand hight my father: my name is
 Hadubrand.
 Off to the east he wander'd, the anger of Ottokar
 fleeing,
 Marching away with Dietrich, and many a man
 went with him.
- 20 He left in the land a little one lorn,
 A babe at the breast in the bower of the bride,
 Bereft of his rights: thus he rode to the east.
 But later Dietrich lost my father
 And lived henceforth a lonely man.
- 25 For the foe of Ottokar, so fierce and keen,
 Was the dearest of thanes to Dietrich his lord.
 He was fain to fight where the fray was thick:
 Known was his bravery among bold warriors.
 I can not believe that he lives longer."
- 30 "I swear by the God who sways the heavens
 That the bonds of blood forbid our strife."
 Then he unclaspt from his arm the clinging gold,
 Which was wrought of coin that the king had given,
 The lord of the Huns: "With love I give it."
- 35 But Hadubrand answer'd, Hildebrand's son:
 "With the tip of the spear one takes the gift
 From the sharpened edge of the foeman's shaft.
 Thou thinkest, old Hun, thy thoughts are deep,
 Thou speakest alluring words, with the spear it
 would like thee to wound me.

- 40 With untruth art thou come to old age, for trickery
 clings to thee ever.
 It was said to me by seafarers
 Coming west over the wave that war slew him.
 Dead is Hildebrand, Heribrand's son."
 "Great Weirdwielder, woe worth the day!
- 45 For sixty winters and summers I wander'd,
 Battling with foemen where blows keen fell.
 From the scarp'd wall unscathed I came.
 Now the son of my loins with the sword will hew
 me;
 He will deal me death or I dash him to earth.
- 50 But now canst thou strike, if strong be thine arm,
 Canst win the harness from so hoary a man,
 And strip the spoils from the stricken foe."
 Hadubrand answer'd, Hildebrand's son:
 "Full well I hold, from thy harness rich,
- 55 That thou comest hither from a kindly lord,
 In whose kingdom thou wast not a wandering
 wretch."
 "The heart of a coward would the Hun now have
 Who would shrink from a foe so fain to fight,
 To struggle together. Let each now strive
- 60 To see whether today he must bite the dust
 Or may bear from the field the byrnies of both."
 Then first they hurled the hurtling spears
 In sharpest showers that shook the shields.
 Then they clasht with their brands, the battle-
 boards bursting,
- 65 And hewed with might the white linden
 Till they shivered the shields with shattering
 strokes,
 As they wielded their weapons [in wild warfare.
 They thrust and lasht and thundered blows
 Till the blood of the twain forth burst in streams



70 And mingled hot on the hardened heath.
 Then with might the father all fiercely smote:
 Through helm he clove down clean to the teeth.
 Thus he dasht to death his dearest and nearest,
 The blood of his blood, the bone of his bone.]

A much later version of the same material is found in Dutch and German. Though based on the same tradition, it has no connection with the earlier story. In the later version the two warriors have degenerated into braggart knights whose encounter on the highway is like the quarreling of street brawlers.

The following translation is made from the late Middle High German version printed in Müllenhoff und Scherer's *Denkmäler*, II, 26 ff. The poem consists of riming couplets combined into stanzas of four lines. Each line is divided into two half-lines containing three (or occasionally four) accented syllables. The rhythm is often limping and the rimes not always exact. E.g., the first two lines of the fourth stanza are:

'*Das ensoltu nicht tun,*' sprach sich von Bern her Dietrich,
 'Wan der jung her Alebrant ist mir von herzen lieb.'

"I will go from the land ariding," said Master Hildebrand,

"On the way that leads straight onward to Bern, the pleasant land.

The place I know no longer, and many a day has past,
 The years are two and thirty since I saw Lady Utë last."

"Wilt thou go from the land ariding." spake un Duke



"Who will meet thee on the greensward? A valiant
thane and young.
Who will meet thee on the marches? Thy son Sir
Alebrand.
Though thou ride with eleven others, he will tilt with
thee, spear in hand."

"If at me the wanton upstart should ever dare to ride,
I'll shatter his shield of linden, and humble his
haughty pride.
I'll hew in twain his byrnie with broadsword and with
spear,
So that he will run to his mother, and rue it for a
year."

"Now that shalt thou do never," said Dietrich, Lord
of Bern.
"To Alebrand, the younker, my heart in love doth
turn.
Thou shalt bespeak him softly, thy lord's behest now
hear,
That he may grant thee passage if he hold my favor
dear."

As he rode to the Garden of Roses, where Dietrich's
sway doth hold,
There he found great strife and stour from a warrior
strong and bold:
A warrior young and sturdy rode up with spear in
hand:
"Now tell me, thou old graybeard, what seekest thou
in this land?"

Thy harness is bright and shining, as wert thou of
royal kind.

Thou thinkest me, a younker, with glaring eyes to
blind.
At home shouldst thou abide now and of thyself
shouldst take
Good care by the glowing ingle." The gray-beard
laugh'd and spake:

"Should I abide at home now and by the fireside cling?
My heart for all these many years was set on wander-
ing,
On wandering and warfare until my dying day.
In doing this, my stripling, my beard is growing
gray."

"I will pluck thy beard so hoary, that know to thy
disgrace,
Until the blood rose-color'd shall trickle down thy
face.
Thy buckler and thy harness must thou give up to me.
Besides thou art my captive if thou alive wouldst
be."

"My buckler and my harness have often saved my life.
I trust the Lord of heaven I shall win to-day in strife."
Thereupon they ceast from speaking, each drew his
own keen brand;
And what both warriors long'd for was ready at their
hand.

I know not how the stripling the blows on the gray-
beard laid
So that the hoary Hildebrand for once was sore
afraid.
He nimbly sprang far backward. full seven vards. I
tro.

"How now, my little stripling, that was a woman's
blow."

"If I learn'd that from women, 'twere shame upon my
hand;
For I have many knights and squires within my
father's land,
And I have many knights and counts all at my
father's court,
And what I have not learn'd as yet shall be my future
sport."

He grab'd him by the middle, where he was lank and
lean,
And swinging hurl'd him backward far out upon the
green.

"Now tell me, little stripling, for now will I thee shrive,
If so thou beest a Wolfing, thou mayest remain alive.

Who rubs against old kettles is smircht, as I am told,
As it befalls thee, younker, from me a warrior old.
Thy shrift must now be given upon the heath so green,
I tell thee now in earnest, thou younker bold and
keen."

"Of wolves thou just now spakest that on the wold do
roam.

I am a thane full noble, and Greece was once my home.
My mother is Lady Utè, a duchess proud and grand,
And my much beloved father is the aged Hildebrand."

"If thy mother is Lady Utè, a duchess proud and grand,
Then I am thy dear father, the aged Hildebrand."
He open'd his golden helmet and kist his lips so red.
"Now God be thank't in heaven that neither of us is
dead."

"Ah father, dearest father, the wounds I gave to thee,
I would they three times over had fallen upon me."
"Now say no more, I pray thee, my sorrows now are
done,
Since God has brought together the father and his
son."

It lasted from the noonday until the vespertide,
The while the youngster Alebrand into the town did
ride.
What wore he on his helmet? A glittering wreath of
gold.
Whom kept he ever by his side? His father dear and
old.

He led him to his mother's house, gave him the chosen
seat.
This seem'd to the careful mother an honor all un-
meet.

"Ah son, my well beloved, is this an honor fit
That a captive man should ever at the head of the
table sit?"

"Now hold your peace, dear mother, and let me set
you right:
He met me 'mong the heather, and might have slain
me quite.
And hear ye, dearest mother, no captive shall he be.
It is Hildebrand the aged, and he is dear to me.

Come, mother, dearest mother, and pay him honor
fine."
Straightway she rose and fill'd his cup with mellow-
hearted wine.
What glitter'd on his finger? A ring of gold she knew.
This dropt he in the goblet of his wife so dear and true.

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Samuel A. Green.

(Boston, July 15, 1885.

EARLY RECORDS OF WATERTOWN.*

Agreed, by the consent of the Freemen, that there shall be three persons chosen for the ordering of the civill affaires; one of them to serve as Town Clerk, and shall keep the records and acts of the Town; the three chosen are William Jennison, Brian Pembleton, John Eddie.

1634. Agreed, that the charge of the Meeting House shall be gathered by a Rate iustly levied upon every man proportionally unto his Estate.

—ember 23. Agreed, by the consent of the Freemen, that Robert Seeley and Abram Browne shall measure and lay out all the Lotts that are granted.

Agreed, that no man shall fell or cutt down any timber or trees upon the Common, without the consent of Robert Seely and Abram Browne, and otherwise to pay to the Towne for every tree 5s.

1634-5, January 3. Agreed, that no foreigner [illegible (?) coming out] of England, or some other plantation, shall have liberty to sett downe amongst us, unless he first have the consent of the freemen of the Towne.

Agreed, by the freemen, that whosoever hath a Lott in the General Inclosure, shall fence it with the rest according to proportion, and if he shall refuse, the Lott shall return to the Towne again.

Agreed, that there shall be foure rods in breadth on each side of the River, and in length as far as need shall require laied to the use of the Ware, so as it may not be preiudicial to the wa-

ter mill. Also one Hundred and fifty Acres of Ground granted to the Ware upon the other side of the River, to be laied out in a convenient place.

Agreed, that there shall be laied out to the use of the Water Mill twenty Acres of ground neare to the Mill, & foure Rod in breadth on either side the Water, and in length as farre as need shall require, so as to be not preiudicial to the Ware.

Agreed, that the [? Town] Clerke shall have six [pense] for every Lott of land that he shall In[roll] . . . in the towne [inelegible] [This was probably on 25 July, 1636, when it was ordered that the Great Dividends should be laid out to the 120 "Townsmen then inhabiting."]

July 30. Agreed, by the consent of the freemen that two Hundred Acres of upland nere to the Mill shall be reserved as most convenient to make a Towneship.

Aug. 22. Agreed, that whosoever being an inhabitant of the Towne shall receive any person or family upon their propriety that may prove chargeable to the Towne, shall maintaine the said persons at their owne charges, or to save the Towne harmless.

Agreed, that (whereas there is a daily abuse of felling Timber upon the Common) whosoever shall offend in felling any Trees without leave, shall pay for every Tree cutt down without order, 20 s. to the vse of the Towne.

—7th. Agreed, that all generall Levies henceforward, shall be raised

* There is no record extant of any municipal transactions of Watertown of earlier date than 1634, four years after its settlement. The record in the first volume commences with what is marked page 2 and it has been supposed that some part, at least one page, of the town records, has been lost.

upon what men enjoy in Lands, & also upon whatsoever men enjoy in an Increasing Estate.

Agreed, that the charges of the new meeting house being a Rate of 80lbs. shalbe levied as other generall levies for the Country.

Agreed, that there shalbe sufficient fences Kept in Winter as well as in summer, in all generall inclosures where English Grain is sowed, for the preservation thereof, and whosoever is faulty after 3 dayes warning, shall pay 10s. to the use of the Towne.

—14. Agreed, that Daniel Patrick, Brian Pembleton, Richard Barnard [Browne], Ephraim Child, Abram Browne, Charles Chaddack, and John Reynolds, shall devise to every man his propriety of Meadow & upland that is plowable, and the rest to lie common.

Agreed, that John Warrin and Abram Browne shall lay out all the highwaies, & to see that they be sufficiently repaired.

—30. Agreed, by the consent of the freemen, that these 11 freemen shall order all the Civill affaires of the Towne for this yeare following, and divide the Lands: Richard Browne, Abram Browne, William Jennison, Edmund Sherman, Brian Pembleton, Ephraim Child, John Loberan, John Warrin, John Batchelor, Charles Chaddack, John Eddie.

Agreed, by the consent of the freemen (in consideration there be too many inhabitants in the Towne, & the Towne thereby in danger to be ruined), that no forrainer coming into the Towne, or any family arising among ourselves, shall have any benefit either of Commonage or Land undivided, but what they shall purchase, Except that they buy a man's right wholly in the Towne.

—14. Agreed, that Abram Browne shall lay out the Lotts granted by the freemen, deputed to order the Towne affares, and Robert Seely surcease to doe any more business for the Towne.

1636, 8 br. 10. Agreed, by the consent of the — (illegible) — these 11

freemen shall dispose of all the civill affaires of the Towne for one whole yeare: Thomas Maihew, Robert Feke, Edward How, William Jennison, John Loberan, Simon Eire, John Sherman, Brian Pembleton, Simon Stone, John Eddie, Abram Browne.

—9. Ordered that there shallbe an Highway left sufficient at the hither end all the great dividents or Lotts.

Ordered, that if any trespass be done by great Cattle, the fence shallbe Viewed, and if the fault be in the fence, as two freemen shall iudge, then the owner thereof to pay the damage, but otherwise the owners of the Cattle are to pay as they shall iudge it.

Ordered, that if any oxen or steeres be found from under command to goe amongst the Cowes from the time that they goe out to grass till the time they are housed, it shallbe lawful for any man to drive them to pound, & the owner of Every Oxe or Steere shall pay for every time 5s. to the Towne.

1637-3. Agreed, at a generall Towne Meeting, that all charges arising for the Countries Service, or for the Towne Service, shallbe levied both of freemen and forrainers.

Ordered, that whosoever shall take any wood of the 40 Acres of ground granted to the Meeting House without leave, shall pay for every cart load 10s., and for every man's burthen 1s.

—29. Ordered, that there shallbe 8 dayes appointed for every yeare, for the repairing of the Highwaies, and every man that is a Souldier or Watchman to come at his appointed time with a wheelbarrow, mattock, spade, or shovle, & for default here of, to pay for every day 5s. to the towne, and a cart for every day to pay 19s

Dec. 30. These 11 freemen to order the civill affaires of ye town for the yeare to come: Thomas Mayhew, Daniel Patrick, John Whitney, Edmund James, John Firmin, John Stowers, Abram Browne, Edward Lewis, Edward Garfield, Ephraim Child, Simon Eire.

Ordered, at about every common



field there shall be a sufficient fence made up against the 1st of April next, by every person having ground in the said field proportionally upon every Acre, and for a default here of, he shall pay 4s. for every rod unfenced within 6 daies after to the Towne.

Ordered, that there shall be an highway betweene Ephraim Childs and Thomas Rogers ground, lying in Dorchester field, leading to ye flats, and all the wast ground except John Bernard's two Acres to remain common to ye vse of the Towne.

[1637-8], January 29. Ordered, that if any goats be found abroad without a Keeper, after the 10 of March next, it shall be lawful for any man to drive them to Pound, & for every goat the owner shall pay to the said party 6d., and if they do any harme to any man's ground, he shall pay to the party dammified as 2 freemen shall ludge.

February 16, 1637. Ordered, by the body of freemen of Watertowne, that the 11 men deputed this present yeare to order ye Towne's civill affaires, shall have power to divide all the Towne land undivided.

Ordered, that there be no Land granted to any person butting upon another man's land before he have notice of it, that he sustaine no damage by it.

Feb. 26, 1637. Ordered, that there shall be two Rod of . . . land lying next to every man's particular meddow round about it, where it is not preidicial to the highwaies or former grants.

March 26, 1638. Ordered, yt all ye Lotts of freemen & forrainers shall be measured and bounded by Abram Browne, & they to bring in a note of every particular Lott to be inrolled in ye Towne booke.

Ap. 9, 1638. Ordered by ye body of ye freeman deputed this present yeare to order the Civill affairs of ye Towne shall have power to give out ye land upon the Towne Plott to several Persons according to their discretions.

Ap. 23, 1638. Ordered, that those freemen of the Congregation shall

build and dwell upon their Lotts at ye Towne Plott, and not to alienate them by selling or Exchanging them to any forrainer, but to freemen of the congregation, it being our real intent to sitt down there close together, and, therefore, these Lotts were granted to those freemen yt inhabited most remote from ye meeting-house, and dwell most scattered.

[A note in darker ink, on the original record as follows]: For want of a Penalty set, this order of no force.

Ordered, that in measuring out the remote meddows, every man shall take his choice according to his Lott. Abram Browne, and Thomas Bartlet, are to measure them according to their best judgments, or some others (if they fail), by ye Townes appointment.

May 23, 1638. Ordered, yt all the land not granted, called Pequusset Common, bounded wth the great dividents on the West, wth Cambridge line on the North, wth ye small Lotts on the East and South, shall remaine for Common, for the feed of Cattle, to the use of ye Townesmen forever, and not to be alienated without ye consent of every Townesman. [Note in darker ink]; This order repealed at a public Towne meeting.

July 17, 1638. Ordered, yt all those freemen yt have no Lotts at ye Towneship, shall have 12 Acre Lotts beyond Bever Plane, and all other townesmen shall have 6 Acre Lotts in ye said Plain.

Ordered, that all the Land lying beyond the Plowland, and the lots granted in lieu of ye Towneship, having ye great dividents on the one side, Charles River and Dedham bounds on the other side, and the flarme lands at the further end of it, shall be for a Common for Cattle to the use of the freemen of the Towne, and their heires forever, & not to be alienated without the consent of every freeman and their heirs forever. [The following note in darker ink]: This granted since to the flarmes by the freemen.

October 14, 1638. Ordered, that the flarmes granted shall begin at the near-

est meddow to Dedham line, beyond the line runneth at the end of ye great dividents parrallell to the line at the end of the Towne bounds, and so to go on successively from Dedham Bounds in order as they are given out, as they weh are deputed to lay them out shall see good & appoint the proportion of meddow, being twenty Acres to One Hundred & fifty Acres of upland.

Ordered, yt Daniel Patrick, Abram Browne, John Stowers, Edmund Lewis, and Simon Elre, or the maior part of them, shall lay out these ffarmes as they are ordered.

Ordered, yt in laying out the Plowland, Abram Browne shall have power to include any Swamp, Rock, or Pond in any particular Lott, as he shall think meet, not counting into ye number of Acres.

December 10, 1638. These 11 ffreemen chosen to order the Civill affaires of ye Towne for this yeare following: Thomas Mayhew, Edward How, William Jennison, Abram Browne, Robert ffeke, John Coolidge, Thomas Bartlet, Hugh Mason, Richard Browne, Thomas Hastings, Simon Elre.

Ordered, yt the Highway to ye little Plaine beyond the Mill, shalbe laid out as Edward How, William Jennison, & Richard Browne have appointed it.

Ordered, yt the Highway leading to Concord shalbe 6 rod broad.

Ordered, yt whosoever shall kill a wolfe in the Towne, shall have for ye same 5s.

March 30, 1639. Ordered, yt wⁿ any meddowes or uplands shalbe laid out & measured by the Survelor, yt warning shalbe given to ye parties yt have propriety there, & if they faile in comming at ye appointed time it shalbe lawful for the survelor and two of them to Lott & lay them out.

Ordered, yt two ffaires at Watertowne, ye one upon the first ffriday of ye 4 month, ye other upon the first ffriday of the 7 month, shalbe kept upon the Trayning place.

November 27, 1639. Ordered, yt

whosoever shall dead any Trees vpon ye Commons or Highwaies within the bound of ye Towne, shall pay for every tree so killed 19s to ye vse of ye Towne.

Ordered, yt if the Land in View for ffarmes shall not suffice to accommodate the rest of the Townesmen that are behind, that then they shall have their ffarmes out of the ffreenens Common upon the same Condition that the rest have theirs.

Ordered, that the Highwaies appointed by the Towne to be laid out by Abram Browne, from that Highway weh leades from Dorchester field to the flatts, and so thorough to the river, shall remaine to the use of the Towne forever.

Ordered, that the Highway appointed by the Towne, & laid out by Abram Browne, from that Highway that leades from Robert Jennison, down to the River, betwixt the lands of John Bernard & Jeremiah Norcrosse, with a parcel of Land adjoining to the River about half an acre needfull for the Landing of Goods, shall remaine to the use of the towne forever.

D. 6. m 10, 1639. These 12 ffreemen chosen for this yeare to order all the Civill affaires of ye Towne. Thomas Mayhew, William Jennison, Richard Browne, Robert ffeke, Nicholas Busby, David ffske, Abram Browne, John Coolige, John Warriu, Thomas Hastings, Heury Bright, Simon Elre

D. 31 m 10. Ordered, yt if any of ye ffreemen be absent from any publick Towne meeting at the time appointed, sufficient warning being formerly given, he shall forfeit for every time to ye Towne 2s 6d.

Ordered, by ye ffreemen yt the men deputed to order the Civill affaires shall not make any order without the consent of 7 of those ffreemen chosen.

D. 28, m 11. Ordered, yt if any of ye ffreemen deputed to order the Civill affaires of ye Towne, shall absent himself from the Place of Meeting past 9 of the Clock in the forenoone, he shall forfeit to them for every time 2s. 6d.

Ordered, that when any Rate is to be

made, there shall be sufficient Notice given to all the Townes men before to come to the place appointed.

D. 25, m 12. Ordered, y^t the meeting House is appointed for a watch house to the use of the Towne.

Ordered, y^t Thomas Milbrick shall set up a house at the Water side, provided it be for an house to receive stray Goods, according to y^e order of Court.

D. 24, m 1. 1640 Ordered, that there shall be a cartway through William Hammond's Lott, and Edward James his Meddow, & so through the Lotts of John Warrin & Isaac Sterne, to fetch hay from Rock Meadow and the remote meddowes.

D. 21, m. 2. Ordered, y^t if any person shall suffer his dog to come to the Meeting upon the Lord's day, he shall forfeit for every time 1s.

D. 3, m. 9. Ordered, that there shall be sufficient fences kept & maintained all the yeare in all generall inclosures, and whosoever is defective (except it be by common consent), having one dayes warning, he shall forfeit 10s. Also, whosoever shall wilfully brake down any fence shall forfeit to him whom the fence belongs 20s.

D. 15, m. 10. Ordered, that all Hogs shall be Ringed All the yeare long, & if that any Hogs unringed and not sufficiently yoked shall doe any Dammage, the owner shall pay to the Person Damified 5s., besides the Dammage, as two men shall iudge.

Ordered, y^t John Shearman shall execute the Towne orders, & for every execution he shall have of y^e Person offending 1s.

Ordered, there shalbe no more farmes laid out vntill the next Towne meeting.

D. 29, m. 10. Ordered, that all those inhabitants y^t have beene by common consent or vote taken in amongst vs, or have had dividents granted to them, shall be accepted as Townesmen, and no others.

Ordered, that there shall be no more trees granted as yet to any upon the Common.

These 12 freemen chosen to order the Towne Affaires for this year. Edward How Thomas Mathew William Jennison, Charles Chaddwick, Thomas Hastings, John Coolige, Hugh Mason. Simon Eire, Abram Browne, Simon Stone, Ephraim Child, Henry Bright.

D. 23, m. 12. Ordered that the hither Plain, being subdivided into several Lotts for Plowground, shall be made a common field, and therefore every person that hath a Lott there shall, according to his proportion of Acres, make a sufficient fence (as specified in a former order) by the 10 of May next, and vpon that condition, Abram Browne, survelor of the Towne, shall measure out the Land unto them, otherwise the Land is to returne to the Towne againe, according to the former order made anno 635, feby 21. Nevertheless it shall be lawfull for any person to fence in particular his own Lott at his pleasure. This order shall likewise stand in force for the further Plain, and when Abram Browne shall measure out the ground unto them, they shall sett to there hands to that purpose, otherwise the Land is to be reserved for the Towne's use.

D. 23, m. 1, 1641. Ordered that all the dry cattle shall be herded and kept abroad beyond Stoney Brooke, and onely Bulls to be herded with Milch Cattle (excepting such as are kept in inclosures), from the first of y^e 3 m. to the last of y^e 7 moneth, vpon forfeit of 5s. for every Beast to y^e Towne, and that no steers or sags [? stags] of three yeares old shalbe herded with the dry Cattle.

D. 18, m. 3. Ordered, that Abram Browne shall have 4d. upon the Acre for Surveying, Plotting, and Staking the several Lotts upon the two Plaines and the remote meddowes, when he hath laid them out.

D. 13, m. 4. Ordered, that if any one of the 9 men shall warn in any person to the Towne meeting, and that he refuseth to Come after lawfull warning, he shall forfeit to the Towne 5s.

13, m. 5. Ordered y^t no Person shall



dig a Pitt in the highway or Common without leave from the Townesmen, and if any shall offend, he shall forfeit to the Towne 10s. And likewise if any person that formerly hath digged a Pitt and doth not fill it up after warning, shall forfeit 10s.

D. 21, m. 7. Ordered, that George Munnings is appointed to looke to the meeting-house, and to be free from Rates.

D. 29, m. 9. These 12 freemen chosen for this yeare to order the Towne affaires: Edward How, William Jennison, Richard Browne, Ephraim Child, Thomas Hastings, John Coolige, Hugh Mason, John Shearman, Charles Chadwick, Simon Stone, Abram Browne, Simon Eire.

Ordered, that when any rate is made for the Towne or Country, that it shall be specified wherefore it is made and what the sum is. Also it shall be recorded in the Towne booke, and he that is appointed to gather it, shall give vp his account to the Towne.

D. 4, m. 11 [1641-2]. Ordered, that Simon Eire shall write a Transcript of the Lands in a booke and give it to the Court.

D. 1, m. 12. Ordered, that all the Land not lotted or granted out, lying next to the great Pond, shall be reserved as Common to the vse of the Towne forever.

D. 10, m. 3, 1642. Ordered, that an highway being laied out from the Pine Swamp nigh to William Eaton's Lott, and so leading through the Lotts to William Paine's Lott, being two Rod wide, shalbe for the vse of the Towne forever.

Ordered, that an highway being laied out from Justinian Holden's Lott to George Parkhurst's house, six Rod wide, shalbe for the use of the Towne forever.

Ordered, yt six Acres of the Common, called Pequusset, shalbe laid out for the present necessity of John Kettle, and that Thomas Hastings shall have ten pounds for the setting vp an house, & to be paid in by the first of

the 11 moneth next, and yt John Kettle shall dwell in it so long as the Towne thinks meet.

D. 7, m. 4. Ordered, that if any horse or mare shalbe taken in any inclosure, the fence being sufficient for great Cattle, then the owner shall pay to the person dammified, 2s. 6d. besides the damage, as two men shall judge.

D. 5, m. 5. Ordered, that Hugh Mason, Thomas Hastings, & John Shearman are appointed to set vp a sufficient [? fence] about the Burying Place, with a five-foot pale and 2 railes, well nailed, by ye 15 of ye 2 moneth, and the Towne to pay for it.

Ordered, that the divisions for farmes being Lotted out by tens, shall begin at Concord line, and so reach to the great Dividents, and so to go on successively to Dedham line, the former farmes granted and meddowes being excepted.

D. 6, m. 5. Ordered, yt there shalbe a new Invoice taken of men's Estates, to make the Rates by for this yeare; also yt all Lands granted by the Towne shalbe rated this yeare.

Ordered, yt —

	lb. s. d.
Land broken vp shall pay ye Acre,	2 10 0
Land inclosed, not broken vp, ye Acre,	10 0
The further Paine shall pay vpon ye Acre,	5 0
The dividents, ye remote meddows & ye hither Paine,	10 0
The land in lew of ye Towne Plott, ye Acre,	1 0
The farmes shall pay vpon ye Acre,	6
The home meddows shall pay ye Acre,	1 10 0

Ordered, yt —

	£ s. d.
Mares, Steeres, and Cowes are rated,	5 0 0
Heifers, 2 year old, at	3 0 0
Calves, 1 year old, at	1 10 0
Calves under a year, at	1 0 0
Goats, at	10 0
Sheep, at	2 0 0
Hogs a year old, at	1 0 0
Pigs 3 months old, at	6 8
Colts, at	17 6
Lambs, at	5 0
Kids, at	2 8

D. 21, m. 9. These 9 freemen chosen to order the Towne affaires this yeare: Edward How, Thomas Mayhew, John Shearman, Richard Brown, John Coolige, Ephraim Child, Hugh Mason, David Niske, Thomas Hastings.



Ordered, yt the Remote meddowes shalbe layed out.

Ordered, yt all Cattle shalbe feed according to their proportion of Land in Common.

Ordered, yt all meddow, great dividends, Plowlands, & the Lands granted in lieu of ye Towneplott, shalbe layed out and bounded this yeare, following.

D. 20, m. 10. Ordered, that George Munnings and Hugh Mason [? are appointed] by ye Towne to search and seal leather, according to the order of Court.

Ordered, yt there shalbe a rate made of £100 for to discharge these debts, following:—

	£.	s.	d.
Impmis To Thomas Hastings for charges to ye Poore, and building ye house for John Kettle, -	17	0	0
It. to John Simson, -	10	0	0
It. for fencing ye Burying place, -	6	10	0
It. formerly due to ye officers, -	30	0	0
It. for ye Capitall Laws, -	10	0	0
It. for ye Court orders, 3 m. 1642, -	11	3	
It. John Knolls, Pastor, for 1 quarter, -	10	0	0
It. George Phillips, Pastor, for half yeare, due Jan. 1, -	33	6	8

Ordered, yt Thomas Maihew and John Shearman shall make the Rates.

D. 15, m. 3. Ordered, that all Lands yt lie in Common (the flarmes Excepted) shall be sized according to men's proportion, for every ten Acres shall feed a cow, ox, or horse, and for every two acres feed a goate or sheepe, and for every calf, 5 Acres.

Ordered, that there be chosen foure men to view the fences in generall fields, and they are to set a fine vpon such as are defective after lawfull warning.

D. 30, m. 3. Ordered, yt Edmund [Edward] How, Ephraim Child, David Hiske, & Thomas Hastings shall view all ye generall fences, & to lay fines vpon such as are defective. A fence with 4 railles or any fence as good is counted sufficient.

D. 15, m. 6. Ordered, yt John Shearman shall keepe weights and measures according to the order of the Court, for the Towne's vse, and also to take lost goods.

D. 9, m. 8. Ordered, yt there shalbe a Rate made for ye officers' wages this year, and an invoice taken of men's estates.

Ordered, yt ye officers shall have the same maintainance they had the last yeare, and men shall pay their goods according as two men shall Prize them.

Ordered, yt Nicholas Busby and John Shearman shall make the rate, and yt John Shearman shall gather it and give it into ye Deacous. and shall have 40s for it.

D. 28, m. 9. These 9 ffreemen chosen to the Towne's affaires for this yeare—William Jennison, Hugh Mason, Nicholas Busby, Michael Bairstow, Simon Eire, Thomas Bartlet, Richard Beers, John Shearman, Johu Bernard.

Ordered, that the 14 lb due before for ye officers' wages shalbe put into this rate for them, and yt the 14 lb due from Mr. Edward [? Edmund] Browne shall be gott in for ye Towne's vse.

Ordered, that Abram Browne shall have power to warne in all them yt shall fell any trees upon the Towne's Land, and for his paines shall have the 4 part of the fines due to the towne.

From this last date, November 28, 1643, to November 9, 1647, a period of four years, the records of the transactions of the town are lost, so that, with the exception of the lists of grants and possessions of land, and the record of births and deaths, the preceding are all that are extant earlier than November, 1647.

At a Generall Towne Meeting the 8. (9) 1647.

Ordered that John Sherman shall goe to the Courte, to answer the complaynt of Robert Saltonstall.

To order the prudentiall affayers of the Towne, Mr. Brisco: Joseph Bemis: Willyam Hamant: John Sherman: John Whetny Se: Left. Mason: Roger Porter, weare chossen.

Whereas diuers complayne that theare remote medow is not layd out: and sune that have it layd out, it is very bad: it is thearfore ordered by the Towne that the seuen men chosen for ye affayers of the Towne; shall take the care to give Eury man Satisfaction, as thay shall se the case Require.

Ye 15. (9) 1647. At a generall Towne Meeting, Deacon Hastings was chosen a Commissioner to joyne with the seuen men for makinge the Cuntry Rate.

Left. Mason complayninge, that he was burdened with the scruls of the Towne: the Towne did Release him and chose Isaac Steearnes in his steade: to be one of the seuen men.

At a Meeting of the seuen men at Mr. Whettnys the 30. (9) 1647. The list of all Estates beinge taken in by the seuen men and the Commissioner (before chosen) the Towne chose John Sherman to drawe up the Rate for ye cunstables to gather by: and also to send a list to the Treasurer, of the just sune of the whole Estates of the Towne.

Whereas, the Comoners in the Felld (where Thomas Tarbatt and Mr. Bowman have land) complayne that all in the Felld do not fence accordinge to proportion, it is ordered, that all the comoners in the feild shall bear fence accordinge to thear number of akers: from Tho. Tarball's lott, abought by Mr. Bowman's: and so to take in the lott that was Mr. Knoules.

Whereas sune at present Require satisfaction, for the wronge thay haue in thare Remote medow, and for a more equall proceeding theariu; it is Or-

dered, that a wrighting shall be sett upon the Meeting-house poost, to giue warning to all that haue case of complaynt (in the foresayd medows) to come to the next meetinge of the 7 men, and make it appeare, that so all may haue satisfaction.

[This Order sett upon the post ye 22 (10) 1647.]

Ordered, that wrighting shall be sett upon the meeting-house poost, to giue notice to any that will by Thomas Philpots house and Land. they should Repayer to John Sheerman, that so thay that will giue moste for it, may haue it, to defray his charge in Prison: the Generall Courte haueing ordered that it should be Sould for the discharge thereof.

[And also this order Sett upon the post ye 22 (10) 1647.]

Whereas theare is a differance between Joseph Taynter and Widow Barnard abought a peice of land lyinge att the end of Widow Barnards Swampe, behynd Joseph Taynters house (her purchassed of Ould Peirce) it is determined at present: that the land is the Townes.

The Country Rate contayninge twenty six pounds, Eleuen shillings and two pence, delivered to the counstable this 9 (10) 1647.

At a Meetinge of the 7 men at William Hamants the 28th of the 10 1647.

John Sheerman complayninge that he is oppressed by bearing more than his share of fencinge in his house lott: it is ordered. that all the comoners in the feild wheare John Sheermans house lott ly; shall be warned to the next meetinge of the 7 men; and giue thear reason why thay should not fence according to proportion.

Ordered, that John Sheerman shall measuer the aker of medow, that was giuen Edmund Lewes.

The Towne is indetted to Mr. Browne for his scruls at Generall Court: in 1647. 2£. 10s. [Paid.]

Ordered that Thomas Arnell shall haue thre trees upon the Comon which he accept as Full Satisfaction for all

the trees have been taken of that part of land, which was added to his diuident, when John Shearman layed it out.

The Towne determin that Richard Sawtell shall not haue his Township land, at his diuident.

Goodman Straton and John Wincoll are chosen suruayors, for this yeare, cominge.

Ordered, that theare shall be a Public Townemeetinge warned the next Lecture day, to bee the 2d day followinge; that all that haue right in the remote meadow; come in and consider what to do in wrightinge the wronge done in the foursayd meadow to diuers persons; and also to consider, what to do in layinge out the Land giuen in lieu of the Towneshipp.

Mr Bisco and Isaac Stearnes weare chosen to consider how the bridge ouer the River shall bee built, and to agree with the workman for the doinge of it according to thear best discretion.

The Towne consented that John Clary shall haue the Philpots house and lott for eight pounds, and that he should haue a deed of Sale made him of it.

John Clary was chosen to warne all the comoners in the field wheare John Shermans house lott is; to come to the next meetinge of the 7 men.

The Town was warned upon the fifth of the 11. to giue a publicke Towne meetinge upon the 10th of the foresayd month beinge in 1647, to consider what to doe to satisfy those that complayne of wronge in the remote meadow; and land in lieu of the Towneshipp.

At a Publique Towne Meetinge 10. (11) 1647. The Towne gaue to John Witherill there right in the Palisado that inclosed the woulfe pen.

Ordered, that the 7 men shall make a Rate of 20 £ for the bridge ouer the Ruer, at the Mill; and for Such debts as are dew, and to relieue the poore.

Agreed, that for the satisfaction of any that haue had wronge in the laying out of the remote meadow, in not haueinge it layd out at all, or not in the right place, or that which is not good,

the suruayor shall begin at the first default, as afousayed, and so lay them out accordinge to the grant, and if any differaunce arise between the suruayor and the owner or owners in place or quality: then Mr Bisco, Left Mason and Isaac Stearnes shall determin the case.

Agreed, that in laying out the Land in lieu of the Township; that those lotts that are cut of by the great diuidents; shall be laid out upon the South side of the other lotts not cut of.

Whearas complaynt is made that the Land giuen in lieu of the Towneshipp; is not a just satisfaction for the Towneshipp Land, it is agreed that Left Mason, John Coolag, Deacon Hastings, Mr Bisco, John Sherman, John Warrin, Mr Pendleton, shall consider of it, agaynst the next Publique Townemeetinge and then make returus to the Towne, what they judge right and eaqual in the case.

At a meeting of the 7 men at Mr Bisco's the 25. (11.) 1647. Ordered, that the Towne doth allow the Suruayor 48 the akre for laying out the remote meadow.

Ordered-that all the Comoners in the field wheare John Sherman's Land is; namely Jennings Close- shall beare thear fence according to proportion of akers- and Mr Bisco- Ensign Bartlit and John Sherman, are chosen to measuer the foresayed field and lay out to Eury man his proportion of fence.

Ordered, that John Fleming shall warne al the comoners in meedfield to the next meetinge of the 7 men, to shew case, why they should not fence accordinge to proportion.

Ordered that Mr Bisco and John Sherman shall make out a rate of 20 pounds.

Whearcas complaynts haue ben made that wronges haue beun done to men in Ratinge; some throw mistake in the inuoyce; some in the draught of the rate; and may be to all; when accounts are not truly giuen and kept; for the preuention wheareof; and that all men

whome it concerne may haue just satisfaction; and the Townes money layd out- to the end the Towne apoynt- it is Ordered- the Inuoyce shall from time to time be taken, in two or three sheets of paper fixed together, and drawen into margants, or checkerhoels; and in the margant upon the Left hand, to sett downe (in alphanibetical order) the names of the persons concerned in the rate (in payment) and in the uppermost margant; the perticulars to be rated- with thear vallew; and underneath (right agaynst euery mans name) the perticular sume that he hath of euery specious; and agaynst that, the total sume of euery man's estate- and after that the sume of euery man's rate- and this Inuoyce so taken, shall be kept in sume man's house chosen for that end, theare to be hanged up out of the reach of children, for euery man to repayer to (that will) wheare he may see he hath no wrong; and so to continew till a new Inuoyce be taken.

Also- it is further ordered- that too men shall be chosen to take accounts of all rates, made and gathered in the Towne; and for that end shall procuer a booke of white paper - whearein thay shall enter the sume of euery rate made by the Towne - and also the perticulars, how it was disposed. (that so Euery rate may go to that End the Towne intended) to which account so taken- thay shall sett the date and theare hands - and also take the hands of the accounttant.

Which too men so chosen- haue hereby power to call all men to account- to whom the Towne haue deliuered any rate- or any other- whose may any way be possessed of any of the Townes Stocke.

And it is also Ordered- that the Rates shall be made with as little surplusage as may be- and what is- shall be added to the next rate.

Mr Bisco and John Sherman- are chosen to take the accounts as afore-said.

The 30th of January 1647- at a Publike Towne meetinge.

Wheareas theare was a comitty chosen the 10. (11.) 1647. to consider what to doe about the Land in lieu of the Towneship: upon theare returne- it is ordered, that all that haue not 12 acres: it shall be made 12. in the laying out- and also- those that haue theare Land in lieu of the Towneship- cut of by the great diuident,- or by Mr Ouldams, Fearme- so that thay cannot haue it on this side Stony Brooke, shall haue satisfaction beyond- by the discretion of the foresaid Comitty whoe are hereby chosen to order it, as also to order Satisfaction for those that haue theare plowland cut of by Mr Ouldams Fearme.

Ordered- that theare shall be a new Inuoyce taken to make a Rate formerly granted of 20lbs. and no Land to be rated, but what was in the last Cuntry Rate.

Ordered- that wheareas diuers persons- weare ouer rated in the Cuntry rate made in 1647. (the begiuinge of the yeare) it is agreed- that the Towne- is so much in debt to them, and to be payd with the first debts.

Granted to Henry Kemball, and Richard Cutting, ten trees apiece for theare trades.

Agred by the Towne that the Farme granted to Mr. Ouldams- by the Courte- shall be layd out as is apoynted by Mr Mayhew- and Mr. Cooke- whose weare chosen by the Courte.

At the meetinge of the 7 men at Isaac Steernes the 8th of February. 1647.

Agreed that Mr Northcross shall haue 6 Shillings for his horss- to Ipswich- when Lefte- Mason went to answer Daniell Peirce; and Left- Mason shall haue 8 shillings for his time.

Ordered- that the highway that lead to Thomas Boydens house from the corner, below Mr Eires house: the fence upon the west side: Tho. Boodon shall beare one halfe and Will. Hamant the other halfe.

Memorandum- it is agreed between the comoners in meedfield- that John Lorraine, Timothy Hakings- John Bra- brick and Thomas Boydon, and Sergeant

Bright shall fence thear upland and meadow- in the field aforesaid in particular- and the comoners upon the west side to close in thear uplands and meadow, upon the aforesaid comoners- Provided that Thomas Boydon's meadow is not intended in the first particular- but to be fenced with the comoners upon the west side: viz: Mr Bisco- Isa. Steernes- John Fleming- Mr Bowman- John Warrin- Willyam Hamant Mr Busby- which are the west comoners intended- Willyam Hamant's upland- beinge not included in this order.

John Knight and thomas Arnall is apoynted to warne al the comoners in Bowman's field to the next meeting of the 7 men- and the foresaid men to warne in all the comoners in Howes field to come to the same meening.

Mr Whitney- is chosen to take the Inuoyce of the Towne, and to haue 10^s for his paines; and to take Land and Cattle as it was to the country rate.

Agreed, that in layinge out the wood and timber to men according to the grant- that the Suruayor shall begin with the comon- by James Cuttler's- and begin with those that are moste remote- and so goe on accordingly.

The Towne declare: that in the order that Idjoyne all the comoners in Jennings Close- to fence according to proportion, thay doe intend Mr Knoules lot of upland, as part of the said close- and Mr Knoules- to fence by proportion- with the rest.

At the meeting of the 7 men. the 29 of February 1647. at Jo. Bemishes.

Ordered- that all broken up Land shall be rated at 20^s the acre- provided that sune that is very bad shall goe at 15^s (the acre-) - unbroken Land at 10^s (the acre)- all meadow at 20^s (the acre).

John Wincoll complayning that Ben Crisp challeng sune medow- that was layd out to his land- purchased of the Towne- it is ordered- that Isa Steernes- Will- Hamant- shall vew it- and make returne to the Towne.

Ordered- that Mr Bisco & John Sherman shall marke certayne Trees in the

high-way with a (W). that shall continue for Shade- and that whosoever shall fall any tres so marked, shall forfeit 18^s to the Town for every tree. so falen.

Ordered- that all fences shall be up by the first of Aprill (next) and a fence to bee 4 rayles- or that which is equivalent to 4 rayles- and that whosoever shall not sett up his fence about a general field as aforesaid- shall forfeit 6^s for every rod- and if any man shall So neglect to set up his fence- that his neighbors are forced to doe it- the owner shall pay for the fence and all damage- (beside the foresaid fine) to him or them that doe- or are dammified- and for damage it is ordered - thet he that is the case of the damage, by not fencing as aforesaid shall pay duple damage.

Ordered- that all swine shall be ringed continually the whole yeare- and that all Swine shall bee shut up frome the first of Aprill - to the 16th of Aprill- and then to be Sufficiently yoked under - the throate and ringed as aforesaid - and then to goe upon the comon or highways - and whatsoever Swine not ordered as aforesaid - shall forfeit one shilling - to be paid by the owners to the use of the Towne - and to pay beside, all damage - which shall be duple damage, to the party dammified, in corne-field, pastuer, gardens, or meadows - provided that those that keepe thear Swine in thear owne incloser - are not intended in this order, but only those that goe in highways - or comon.

Ordered- that all the Comoners in Howes field, round about the highway- by the Mill and So to George Woodwards- and on to Mrs Phillips, to take in more of hur lot, So as to leave hur house and barne out - and so to John Springs - and to the bars- that goe to Nat Treadway's - to leave the peice of Land afore his house out- (from which bars to the Brooke- John Eddy covenant to beare one halfe - and the field the other half.) and So to the mill agayne - All the land within the foresaid bounds- is in one generall field- and to fence according to proportion - to which all the



Comoners - at the makinge of the order doe fully agre & bynd themselves to doe and perform accordingly.

Granted to John Knight - to straight his fence by his house- and to take to his lot the waste land - provided he make without the fence- a sufficient watering for man and beast.

John Sherman was chosen by the seauen men and the constables - to take care of the scale- according to the order of Courte.

The last Invoice is 5407^l. 048 - 6d.

The Rate of the Bridge and other debts- 22^l. 18 - 4d.

At a meeting of the 7 men- the 13 of the 4th- 1648. at Roger Porter's.

Ordered - that John Coolage shall haue 4 trees (upon the Land was taken from Mr Eires) for his satisfaction for attending the Courte against Mr Eires.

Ordered - that Cristopher Grant shall be paid his fiftene shillings (due for mending the windows of the meeting-house) out of the rate in the Cunstable's hand.

Ordered - that Isaac Steernes shall reuieuld Gearffields fence.

Timothy Haukinge is allowed to mowe the grass in the medow, behynd Mr Samuel's, Fearme, wheare the Saied Haukinge medow is, till the owners come- and what charge he is at for to make a highway, they are to allow him by proportion of akers.

At a generall Towne meeting the 16 (7) 1648.

The Towne granted to Pastor Knoules and Pastor Sherman, 120 pounds - for the yeare following to be equally denided between them - and the Saied Summe to be raised by Rate, made by the 7 men - by the inuoyce taken for the Cuntry leuy upon Estates.

At a generall Towne Meeting - the 8. (9). 1648.

Agreed - that in the gathering of the Towne Rate - Indian Corne shall be priced at 38 the bushel - Ry at 48 - Pease a 48 - Wheate and Barley att 58 a Bushell - and Mr. Pendlton is chosen to prise for the Towne, the Pay that Robt. Salbonstall is to haue.

The Towne Rate giuen to the Cunstable's come to 69^l. 038 08d.

The Cuntry Rate giuen to the Cunstable's come to 44^l. 168 02d.

At a Meeting of the Seuen men the 28 - (9). 1648 - at John Sherman's.

Granted - to Mr Bisco 128 for 8 da worke he did at the Bridge, and Isaac Steernes- 48 - 6d - for work thea

At a generall Towne Meeting the 4th (10) 1648.

Agreed that Mr Phillips is to be freed of all Rates to the Towne and Ministry duringe the pleasuer of the Towne.

Granted to Mr Sherman twenty trees upon the Meeting-house Land for firing for the present.

Mr Northcross - Deacon Child - Lest Mason- Mich Bairstow- John Sherman - John Wincolt - John Fleming - weare chosen to order the Towne affaires for the yeare ensuing.

Samuell Thatcher was acquitted of what was due from him to the Towne upon the account of his Cunstableship; and was allowed to take the remainder of Widow Browne; being part of his Rate; Soe much as may Balance his account - that he made with John Sherman.

Agreed - that whosoever killeth a Fox within the bounds of the Towne, shall haue one Shilling allowed him - by the Towne.

At a meeting of the 7. men - the 19 - (10) 1648. at Mic - Bairsto's.

Granted - Due to George Mullings for the charge of Thomas Fillpott - and is in full - 03^l. 198 03d.

Ordered - that those that are unpaid for their worke att Bridge, at Mill - shall haue their come paid att the same Rate - that the Bridge Rate was gathered att.

Ordered - that Mr Bisco shall be allowed 6d per bushell (in Satisfaction) to make good the pease he tooke of John Sherman.

Ordered - that Mr Bisco shall have pay for transepting the corne to George Mullings the last yeare - which corne was to pay for Ths- Fillpott in part.

Att a meeting at Mr Nortecross's the 16th day. 11 month - 1648.

Ordered - that Deacon Child and Brother Bairsto shall goe and spake with Mr Elre, to know of him what the reason is, that he lay claime to that parcell of medow towards Sulbury - and to tell him what the Towne intend to doe, unles he can shew reason to the contrary.

Ordered - that John Firman's helres have a just Rite to a Farne - as other Townsmen have.

Due to John Witherell 1£ 018 6d for one wolfe- 7 Foxes- and 3 dayes work.

The Towne granted to Richard Sawtell those trees that ly in the bottome, by Willyam Clarke's, upon condition he make a Sufficient foot bridge there—

Att a Meeting at Deacon Childs the 6 day of the 12 month.

Granted that Mr William Paine- shall have his 24 acres of { uplan? or } upon the plaine laid out. { lowland? }

Ordered- that all the Comoners in Pound Field, Shall be warned to the next meeting of the 7 men, theare to give reason why thay doe not fence their feild round- and that by proportion

Due to Ould Knop 4s for Killing 4 Foxes.

Mr. Northecross and Mic. Bairsto are chosen to gitt the pound repaired - that so the Town may be free from fine and to warne (Ser. Beers) to remove the fence from before the pound.

Ordered - that all cattell (except calves of this yeare) shall not goe upon the comon or highwaies - without a sufficient keeper - after the first of May next. and that all Dry Cattell shall be kept from the milch cowes - and not to goe- either with or without a keeper on this side of the Brooke - and that all cattell not ordered according to this order- theire owners shall forfeit to the Towne 2s 6d - provided that this order is not intended for workinge oxen that are not (unyoked?) The fine of 2s 6d is due upon every beaste so taken as aforesaid - every time - Goodman Ltra-ton and Edmund Bloyss are chosen - to

inform and Execute according to this order - and every man else will - and to have the fine for their labor.

The order for Swine and Fences made last yeare- is confirmed for this yeare - (except the clause of shutting up Swine) and goodman Stratton and goodman Bloyss - is to inform and execute - and to have the fines for their labor - and that whosoever finde any cattell not ordered as aforesaid - if they cannot prove whoe is the owners- then Such cattell or Swine shall be put into the Pound.

Due to Ould Knop - for mending the stocks and the constables stand - for a bellroope - and for mending the meeting house doore - and for a locke for the saied doore - and boards and Nails - 00 - 06s - 03d.

Ordered- that the Sernayor shall lay out the remote medows - with what speed maybe - according to the order of the whole Towne - made the 10- (11) 1647.

The Rate made for the Towne charges- the 29th day of the 8th month in 1649 - amounteth to 99£ - 10s - 03d

The Cuntry Rate made at the same time amounteth to 45£ - 03s - 01d.

The Rate made- for the Ministry at the same time amounteth to 164£ - 19s - 04d

John Sherman.

At a generall Towne Meeting, the 17. (7) 1649.

Granted to the Ministry 160 lbs. for this present yeare beginning the 24 of June last- to be gathered by rate - and to be paid - the one halfe the first weeke of December next - and the other halfe - the first of March following.

Agreed - that there shall be a rate of 90lbs made for to pay Robert Salton-stall - and to build a School house - and to build a gallery in the Meetinghouse - and to pay other debts the Towne oweth.

Sergant Beeres is chosen comission-our to joyne with the Select Men - a-bought the Cuntry Rate.

Ordered - that thear shall be a new inuoyce taken for a Rule to raise the foresaid rates by - and Sergant Beeres



is to take it.

At a generall Towne Meeting the 15 (8) 1649.

Ordered - that there shall be ten pounds aded to the foresaid Rate of 90^{lds} to by Drums and Caulers for the Military company.

At a meeting of the 7 men - the 2d (9) 1649.

Thomas Wincoll is allowed by the Select Men - to keepe the ordinary.

John Sherman is apoynted to procuere the School house built - and to have it built - 22 foot long - and 14 foot wide - and 9 foot betwene joynts - also to git a penn of one aker of ground fenced in with 4 rails, for the lodging a heard in the woods - and to procuer a small house for lodging the heardsman - and to be done in such a place as - Deacon Childs and himself shall think best - towards Sudbury bounds.

At a Meeting of the Select Men at (Jo. Sherman's?) the 7 Day. 10 Month. 1649.

Due to John Witherell for 6 Foxes - 00£ - 06s - 00d.

Due to William Eaton for a Wolfe

Due to Mic. Balrsto for the repairing of pound- and for care to Fillpott — 01 - 01 - 07.

Due to John Sherman for 20 dayes worke and for taking the accounts of twelue Rates 03 - 10 -

John Sherman hath given an account of 75£ - 19s - 10d.

He Received but 74 - 9 - 7

The Towne is debtor to balance the account. 1 - 10 - 3

Agreed - that the Towne rate in the Cunstable hands shall be gathered in forthwith.

Due to Sergant Beeres for taking the invoice - and time in making the rate, 01 - 00 - 00

Agreed - that John Sherman shall wright a letter in the Townes name, unto David Mechell of Stamford - to ceatify to him the Townes desire of him to come and keepe School in the Towne.

At a generall Town Meeting the 10 day. 10 mounth 1649

Granted to Hugh Passon and Tho. Fillpott - an aker or too of land to fence and plant, so long as the Towne please - to be sett out by Leist Mason and Ensigne Bartlett.

Granted to Tho Arnall a smalle patch of land neere his house - abought 6 rod - so as it prejudice not the high way - to be sett out by John Whetny - Sen.

Deacon Stone - Deacon Hastings - Deacon Childs - Leist Mason - Mr Bisco - John Sherman - Edward Dix - were chosen to order the Towne affaires the yeare ensuinge.

The Towne appointed the 7 men (before chosen) to proulde (against next Springe) a conuenient habitation for a heardsman, and a place fenced in - to shutt up a heard a nights towards Sudbury.

At a meeting of the 7 men - at the Ordinary the 29 - (11.) 1649.

At a meeting of the 7 men at Deacon Stones the 12 - 12 - 1649.

Due to goodman Mixer for worke at the Bridge att Mill - six shillings

00 - 06 - 00

Due to Deacon Childs for wine to the workmen at the worke aforesaid.

Joseph Bemish is fined for falling of twelue trees upon the comon and highway thre pounds.

At a meeting of the seven men at Deacon Hastings.

The Towne confirmed the orders made (for Swine and all sorts of catell) the last yeare - to stand in force the present - yeare.

The Towne is debtor to John Wetherby for seauen Foxes - that he killed - seven shillings - 00£ - 07s - 00d

Agreed - that there shall be a generall Towne Meeting called. to be the next - Second - day -

At a Publique Towne Meetinge the

Whereas there have bine greate complantes and much trouble in the Towne abought the Remote medows - and noe order as yet doth or can reach the issue of it - It is thearefore agreed upon by the consent of the whole Towne - that all those that haue re-



ceived their remote meadow and are satisfied - shall within one week repair to John Shearman and acknowledge that they are satisfied - and also (if need require) in seasonable time) shew where their meadow lieth - provided that those which have more than their due in quantity - or that have it very unjustly in regard to place - shall be regulated by the grant. And those that come not as aforesaid - the Towne concludeth that they expect their meadow with the rest of their neighbors. And the Towne doth hereby give full power to the seven men to consider in what way to give all men satisfaction - that have right in the said meadow, and to accomplish it with all speed.

The Towne granted a rate of thirty pounds - to be made by the Seven men - whereof twenty pounds is to purchase the ammunition enjoined by the court - and ten pounds to make provision for the dry heards towards Sudbury.

Joseph Benish hath fifty shillings of his fine given him by the Towne - and he is to pay the other ten shillings - and to have no share in the wood or timber upon the common.

The Towne granted that the seven men should lay a portion of meadow and upland - for the use of those that keep the dry heard - provided the meadow exceed not twenty akers - and the upland shall not exceed forty akers.

At a meeting of the 7 men at Deacon Childs 26 - (1) 1650.

Whereas some men neglect to pay their due to the Ministry - and damage thereby cometh to the Towne - It is Ordered - that all those that doe not pay their due to the Ministry at the Deacons demand - their names shall be returned to the Towne - and the Towne to give warrant to the Constable to distraine for it - and to bring it in to the Towne's use - that so the ministry may be discharged - and what cannot be gained by distress - John Sherman is to sue for it - and what cannot be gained at all - the Towne is to make good to the ministry.

The 13. (2) 1650.

The Rate made for the powder - Bullets & match and the pen for the dry heard containe 28^l - 07^s - 10^d.

At a meeting of the 7 men at Lest Masons the 23. (6) 1650.

The Towne is debtor to John Wetherell for killing six foxes 00^l - 06^s - 00^d.

Ordered - that John Sherman shall lay out to Edmund Bloyss - fouer akers of land - neere the Meetinge house - as shall be most convenient - which land was granted to the sd. Bloyss the last generall Towne Meetinge.

The Towne agreed - that John Rogers should have the five pounds - which is yet in the countrys hand.

Due to John Wetherell for going to Roxbury 2^s.

Should by the Towne - at a generall Towne meetinge (for the payment of ten pounds dew unto John Shearman from the Towne) unto John Lorange - John Cooledg - John Witherall - Willi Perry - fiftene acres of comon land - called Kings comon - and is for the payment of the the above named ten pounds dew to John Shearman.

Att a meeting of the 7 men att John Shermans - the 6 - (10) 1650.

The Rate made for the Ministry this yeare amounteth to 162^l - 18^s - 5^d.

The Rate for the Poore amounteth to 10^l - 08^s - 10^d.

The Towne agreed - that at a Publike Towne meetinge Mr Bisco - Deacon Childs - Deacon Hastings - weare chosen to take accounts of Samuell Hosier - Charles Chadwick Isaac Mixer and John Sherman of all rates and goods. that have passed or com into their hands - this yeare.

Att a meeting of the whole Towne the 16th of the 10th 1650.

The account of the Constables and John Sherman was delivered into the view of the Towne, and examined.

Simont Stone. Ephraim Child - Thomas Hastings Charles - Chadwick, Samuell Thatcher - Isaac Mixer - John Wittney - weare chosen for the ordering of the Towne affairs - for the yeare following the present date.

Given - by the vote of a Generall



Towne meeting - that Mr Bisco should have fouer pole of ground on the East Side of his new dwelling-house.

Ordered at a Publike Meeting - that the Seauen men shal haue power to goe on with a Turrett added unto the school-house.

Att a genrall Towne meeting upon the 6th of the 11 month- (50.)

It was voted and agreed upon that Mr. Rich. : Norcrosse was chosen school Master for the teaching of Children to reed and write - & Soe much of Lattin according to an order of Courtt - as also if any oft he Sd. Towne haue any maidens that haue a desire to learne to write - that the Sd. Richard should attend them for the learning off them - as also - that he teach Such as desire to cast accompt. and that the Towne did promise to allowe the Sd. Rich. for his imployment - thirty pounds for this yeare.

It was voted that three Shillings a head should be allowed for the keeping of the dry heard - the last yeare - and what is now dew unto the keepers upon that heard, shall be raised upon all the dry Cattle within the Towne - as well those that were in the Sd. heard, as others that either went within the Towne without a keeper, or Such as went out of Towne.

It was voted that the Seauen men are requesued that they should guide an able and Sufficient herdsmane to undertake the keeping the Dry Cattle, att the end of oE. Bounds next Sudbury Bouds, and to acquaint the Towne how far ye haue gonn in it by the 25th of March next.

It was voted and agreed that the accompt giuen in by the three men-apoynted by the Towne, concerning the constables of this yeare & yt of two townes rates - the one of ninety nine pound - fifteen shillings - the other of twenty eight pounds seauen shillings - ten pence, the most of which was paid by Sd. Constables into the hand of John Shearman - who was also by order - to giue an accompt unto the S'd. three men - who according unto their charg did prssent

the S'd. Accompt unto the Towne - who did also allow of them, puided yt if there be any mistakes of either part yt it be sette right. It was also Voted yt the Saied John Shearman shall haue pd unto him (in full Satisfaction for all Labors - Expences - or damages - any wages or by any meanes acreiving to him the Saied John) the Sum of twelff Pounds - and yt in such pay as is either in the hand of Constables or others and to be made up in such pay as is usually pd to Towne Rates -

It was voted and agreed upon by the whole Towne that Mr Kuonles and Mr Sherman - should haue allowed them by the Towne - each of them fouer pounds for this psent yeare.

Att a meeting of the 7 men at Simon Stone's upon the 7th of the 11th month 1650.

It is ordered and agreed - that Mr Rich : Norcrosse doth Intend?) to begin his imployment for the teaching of the young ones of the Towne - and to attend it at the Meeting house the next Second day - And further it is agreed, that for his pay, he is to haue it at two severall times; the first at or upon the 29th of the 8th month (51) and the other pay, upon the 12th of the 11th month 51.

Att a Generall Towne Meeting upon the 12th of the 12th Month (50-)

It is ordered and agreed unto by the Towne, that there should a rate be made for thirty pounds - viz - For the poore and the Turrett, and for the payment of John Shearman and Mr. Browne, and the following of Sudbury busines; and that the ten pounds which was formerly giuen for the poore should be gathered with this 30£.

Ordered - that Ephraim Child should haue the keeping of the Townes Booke, and such Orders of the courtt as belong to the Towne; with all such wrightings or books as are for the Seauen men's use to the ordering of the Townes affayers.

Ordered - that John Shearman should be imployed about the running of the Lines of the bounds of the Towne.

Left. Masau in an acktion of a Dam-

age against John Bush - as the Sd Left. Masan' attachment upon the goods of the Sd John Bush - for defect of losse sustained in a beast - to the vallew of fifty shillings.

Dew to brother Witherall for 3 Foxes
0 - 3s - 0 pd

Dew to John Page for 1 Foxe 0 - 1 - 0

Dew to John Spring for 2 Foxes
0 - 2 - 0

We find for the Plaintiffe 5s - Damag- and five shillings cost.

Att a meeting of the Seauen Men at Charles Chadwick's - the 4th of the first (50.)

The two Constables - Chadwick and Isaack Mixter - gave an acompt of the Powder Rate of the last yeare and are fully discharged.

The two Coustables - Charles Chadwick & Isaack Mixter - had a rate donated unto their hands of forty two pounds - nine shillings.

The order for Swine and fences made in (47) shall stand in force - with the exception of shutting up Swine to be remitted.

The order for cattle made in the yeare 48 - doth stand in force.

Agreed with John Biglo yt for ten trees the Towne allowed him - for the setting up a shop for a Smithes forge, yt he should either goe on with his promise of setting up his trade - which is the trade of a Smith within one twelff month after the date hearof - or else to pay unto the Towne - ten shillings for the Sd ten trees - he acknowledged to have off the Towne.

It is agreed unto by the Select men - according to an order of Court - yt Isaack Mixter is chosen Sealer - of waights and measures, for this yeare.

Promised by Joseph Bemish - to pay the ten shillings yt he was formerly fined by the whole Towne, within one month after the 29th of the next ninth month.

Note

June the 7th at a meeting of the Seven men 1651.

It is ordered that the highway which

was formerly allowed off by the Towne - and yt lyes from the highway that leades to Cambrig - and yt goeth to the highway that lyeth next the riuer, neare to Simont Stones house - shall be continued a spur way and a cart way for the use of those families and others upon occasiou - and that to be a rod broad from Willington's bars - to Simont Stone - his house.

It is ordered - yt whereas some haue taken in a pt of the Towne's ground. that lyeth by the riuer side, next mr Mahew - his orchard, and John Benjamin his house, Soe long as they continew the Sd fence - ye are to maintayne a conuenient gate for passage to the medows down the riuer.

March the 31st. (51).

Att a Meetuig of the 7 men at Eaphrim Childs.

Articles of agreement - betwixt Solomon Johnson - on the one part - and the Towne of Watertown on the other part - viz - The said Solomon is to keepe the dry cattle of the said Watertowne for this yeare - and is to have for his paynes twenty five pounds - and what is wanting to the house. he is to fitt it up - as it may be for his own conuenience - The time ye are to goe to the heard - is the 21st of this next Aprill - and he is to keepe them untill the 12th of October, next ensuing - The pay to be one halfe of English corne - and the other halfe in Indian. when it is merchantable - and to be brought into the hands of such as shall be apoynted by the Seauen men. The English corne upon the cattle are deliuered home - and the Indian at the last of Nouember.

June the 9th (51.)

At a Generall Towne Meeting - it was agreed that the Seauen men should have power to lett the house and Pen to Solomon Johnson - or any other for a tearme of yeares not exceeding ten yeares, as also to agree with such as shall farme the said pen & house, for the keeping of the Dry heard of the Towne

Att a meeting of the Seauen men at Samaell Thacher's. upon the first of

September- (51.)

It is Ordered- yt according to the complaynt of those two men apoynted by the Towne, for the Seeing unto the sufficiency of fences - wee haue awarded- Thomas Brigham to pay unto the said men - that is Garrett Church and John Tranne the some of fve shillings, for that he did not sett up his part of fence with his neighbors according to order.

Att a Generall Town meeting the 6th of October 1651.

Ordered- that Mr Shearman shall haue all the propriety of wood, which is upon a certayne peece of land that sometimes was recouered from Mr Hewes- and to be sett out by the Leftenant Mason-

Ordered- that Mr Knoules Should haue twenty pounds for his quarters imployment.

Ordered- yt Mr Shearman shall haue allowed him for this next yeare 100£.

At a meeting of the Seauen men at Isaack Mixer's 29 - October - 1651.

Ordered- yt for the payment of the 100 £ yt is giuen, to Mr Shearman for this yeare- that it shall be paid according to the Invoyce taken for the Country rate- & to be Ruissed at fower pence farthing upon a pound.

Dew to Brother Witherall for 8
7 Foxes 0 - 7 - 0

Dew to Anthony Pearse for
2 Foxes 0 - 2 - 0

The Country Rate for this yeare 1651 comes to the full Some of 73£ - 68 7d which was committed into the hands of Isaac Stearnes and Robert Daniell- Constables- 74£ - 168 - 6d

The Rate which was made for Mr Shearman for this yeare (51) did amount unto 101£ - 188 - 0d

It is ordered- the case being yt wee can doe noe better for the Towne, and saving of fines- that the amunition of the Towne is to be layed at Charles Chadwicks, & in the behalfe of the Towne we doe ingage, that he shall haue allowed him fowrty Shillings.

The Constables of the last yeare gaue in the acompt of the Towne rates- some of fowrty two pounds nine Shil-

lings- and is in these p(ar)ticulars following.

	£	s	d
In primis- paid to John Shearman	22-	18-	1
P'd out to the poore	10-	3-	0
P'd out to Mr Browne	1-	17-	0
P'd. to Bro. Mixtar for carriage of Corne to John Shearman	0-	4-	0
P'd to Onle Knop	2-	9-	6
P'd in other pticulars	4-	5-	3
	41-	16-	10

Att a meeting of the 7 men att Bro: Stone's December the Second (51.)

Articles of agreement betwixt the Towne of Watertowne on the one pt- and Solomon Johnson the ellder one the other pt.

It is agreed. that the aboue named Solomon, shall haue to farme- the cow pen and howse next to Sudbury Bounds- and to have the use of the fourty acres of upland - and the twenty acres of meddow and yt for a tearme of seauen yeares - Puided that he shall not waiste or expend- either wood or timber, more than is nescessary for one familie upon the pmises - burning - building, or fencing - and all to tend to the well bee- ing of the pmises - not to sell either wood - timber or fencing stuff.

He is also to leane the house and pen, in as good order as when he entered upon it- and if the Sd. Solomon shall build any housing, or set up more fencing, nescessary for the better accom- modating of the pmises it shall be val- ued by indefarent men, and allowance made as equitye shall psent.

It is also agreed - that in considera- tion of the said Solomon- having to farme, the s'd house and pen- he shall receive & take in charg to keepe, all the dry cattle, that shall be brought to him, and to keepe them all the Sumer; & seasonably to drive them out, & to such places, within the bounds of Wa- tertowne, as yt may haue the best feed- Nor is he to take the cattle of other p'sons or Townes, or suffer any heard or heards to be kept upon the said Bounds of Watertown; but shall speed- ily giue Notice unto the s'd Towne of Watertowne; and the s'd. Solomon is to receive upon euery beaste eightene



pence in such pay as the country provides; and to receive it of the owner of the beast - and to take his pay att the deliverary of the cattle, according to the ordinary time - which is abought the midst of October - and this to be from yeare to yeare - as also to take all cattle y^t shall be brought to him under his charge, after the 24th of Aprill every yeare. and - if any cattle be lost and yt it apeares to be the negligence of the said Solomon - he shall make it good. Or if there shall apeare any neglect that the cattle are not driuen timely out - or not driuen wheare theare is feed, when it is to be had, as also water in season - the sd Solomon shall satisfye according to the appearance of the damage - Unto which conditions wee doe mutually bind ourselves and heirs, in witness wheareof wee sett to our hands, the sixteenth of Decem-ber 1651.

Solanun Johnson.

Att Mr Brisko - his house - Decem. 10th 1650. (?)

The Towne apoynted Mr Brisko - Thomas Hastings - & Ephraim Childs, to take an acompt of John Shearman and the two constables, of the same yeare, & Samuell Hosier of the yeare before and Edward Dikes -

The Rate of the Towne in the yeare (49) 99[£] - 15^s. of which was rec'd by John Shearman 89 - 7 - 6d

A Rate of the Towne in (50) for amunition, put into the house of Isaac Mixar and Charles Chadwick £ 8 d 28. 7. 10

Rec'd by John Shearman of the S'd Rate of the two Constables 23[£] - 18^s 0d. - more in the hands of John Shearman, of a Surplus of a country rate

1[£] - 12^s - 11d.

The Some charged upon John Sherman 114[£] - 18^s - 5d.

The disbursements by John Shearman.

In-pri-to Capt Briges. 20[£] - 00 - 00

£ 8 d

Pd. to John Whitney 0 - 2 - 9

for cariag of the corne 1 - 18 - 7

Pd. to Taynter & Sterns 0 - 4 - 2

Pd. Tim Hawkins 1 - 4 - 9

Pd. for Phillpots House	3 - 15 - 9
" for killing of Foxes	0 - 9 - 0
" to Ould Knop	3 - 15 - 9
" Ch. Sternes for ouer Rate	0 - 4 - 0
" to Randoll	4 - 4 - 8
" to Spring	0 - 6 - 10
" to the Lifestenant	10 - 0 - 0
Pd. to Ould Knop for wages	3 - 6 - 0
" to Mr Nowell	1 - 12 - 0
" to Michall Bearsto	1 - 1 - 7
" to Bro. Barnes	0 - 5 - 0
" Mr Browne as Deputy	0 - 18 - 1
" to Winckoll &	0 - 6 - 9
" for Phillpott	0 - 19 - 4
" making of Bullets	0 - 9 - 0
" for Phillpott	1 - 17 - 0
" to Eaton	0 - 10 - 0
" to John Lorance	0 - 6 - 9
" to Gale	0 - 5 - 0
" to Marshall	1 - 13 - 1
" to Bush	0 - 15 - 0
" to Witherall	3 - 12 - 6
" to Ould Winckoll	0 - 6 - 0
" to Anto - Beeres	0 - 4 - 6
" in cotton Cloth	0 - 7 - 0
" for the School House	20 - 00 - 0
Allowed to me by the Towne	4 - 10 - 3
Pd. for cariag of pay	} 0 - 6 - 0
" for Amunition	
Pd. to Phillpott	0 - 10 - 0
" Phill pott	0 - 2 - 0
" for the weight & Measures	0 - 5 - 0
" for fower days worke	0 - 8 - 0
" for cariag of corne	0 - 15 - 0
" remaynder of acompt	1 - 10 - 3
" Dikes Rates	0 - 17 - 2
" { 2 barrells of Powder	} 22 - 3 - 2
" { match and Lead	
" Losse of corne	0 - 5 - 9
" Losse of corne	1 - 3 - 3

N.B. The date at the head of the foregoing entry is without doubt - erroneous - as may be seen by the reading of the record. It should be 1651, yet the transcription is the same as in the Original record.

Att a Generall Towne Meeting the 20- of December 1651.

Ware chosen to order the Prudentiall affayers of the Towne Hugh Mason - John Sherman - Mychole Berstow - Richard Beeres - Henery Bright - Thomas Bartlett John Bisco.

It was agreed at the same meeting-







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